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"One Court of Justice" website is now smartphone-friendly Other website updates: Site users can sign up for appellate opinions, other bulletins via social media; Supreme Court posting audio of oral arguments

LANSING, MI, December 9, 2013 – Smartphone users, rejoice – the most comprehensive online information source about the Michigan justice system is now in the palm of your hand.

A smartphone-compatible version of the "One Court of Justice" website (www.courts.mi.gov) debuts today, offering another convenient way to access the Michigan court's site, Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr., announced.

According to a recent <u>study</u> by the Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project, 56 percent of American adults have a smartphone. As of May 2013, 63 percent of adult cell phone owners surveyed were using their phones to go online, and 34 percent went online mostly using their phones, rather than a desktop or laptop computer, Young noted.

"Since people are increasingly accessing the Internet through cell phones, we wanted to provide the 'One Court of Justice' site in a smartphone format that's convenient and easy to use," Young explained. "This is another example of Michigan courts working smarter, using technology in this case, to improve public service."

Users can search Michigan Supreme Court and Court of Appeals cases on the mobile-friendly site, viewing opinions, orders, and docket sheets.

The "One Court of Justice" website includes information about Michigan's Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and trial courts. Court forms, court rules, decisions of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, and a self-help site are all available on the site.

Other new website features:

Audio of Supreme Court oral arguments. The Court already livestreams its hearings at http://courts.mi.gov/Courts/MichiganSupremeCourt/oral-arguments/live-streaming/Pages/live-streaming.aspx. The Court now also posts audio recordings of each oral argument on the information page for the corresponding case, along with a brief summary and links to briefs. For an example, see MSC case #145557, Andrie v Dep't of Treasury.

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